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SUBJ: SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE FOR MSG DETACHMENT

1. THE MSG DETACHMENT AND THE NCOIC AT THIS POST HAVE FURNISHED COST OF LIVING DATA INDICATING THAT DOD RATES FOR THEIR SUBSISTENCE AND COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE FOR SANTIAGO ARE INADEQUATE TO MEET THEIR REAL EXPENSES FOR FOOD REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER ALLOWABLE EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE MAINTENANCE OF THEIR LIVING ESTABLISHMENT (I.E., COST OF SERVANTS, TELEPHONE SERVICE, ETC.). FOR INSTANCE, A TYPICAL SEVEN-DAY MENU FOR DINNER (INCLUDING A PROPORTIONATE AMOUNT OF THE COOK'S SALARY) CLEARLY ILLUSTRATES THAT THE COST FOR THIS ONE MEAL PER MARINE PER DAY AVERAGES \$3.50 GIVEN THE COMBINED SUBSISTENCE RATE AND COLA OF \$4.80 PER DAY, THERE REMAINS ONLY AN AVERAGE DAILY BALANCE OF \$1.30 FOR BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND OTHER ALLOWABLE EXPENSES.

WE ARE NOT AWARE OF HOW DOD ARRIVES AT THESE SUBSISTENCE LEVELS FOR MARINES AT SANTIAGO. PRESUMABLY, THE POST RETAIL PRICE SCHEDULE IS A PRIMARY FACTOR AS WELL AS SIMILAR AND COMPLEMENTARY DATA PROVIDED BY U.S. MILITARY ELEMENTS ATTACHED TO THE MISSION. NEVERTHELESS, POST MANAGEMENT HAS CAREFULLY REVIEWED EXPENSE DATA SUBMITTED BY THE MSG CONTINGENT AND HAS NO DOUBT WHATSOEVER
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THAT SUBSISTENCE AND COLA ALLOWANCES FOR MARINES AT THIS POST ARE NOT ADEQUATE AND THAT EACH MARINE IS SUBSTANTIALLY OUT-OF-POCKET FOR THESE REQUIREMENTS.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED AS TO THE APPROPRIATE MEANS FOR SEEKING AN INCREASE IN THE ALLOWANCE LEVEL FOR THE MARINES AT THIS POST.

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